

City Council Focus Areas 2002/2003

Education	Council Evaluation
Ensure selection of best possible School Board	
• Enhance communications with School Board so they are aware of Council's satisfaction/dissatisfaction	
Define "superior education community"	
Clarify School Board/City Council roles and responsibilities	
Provide opportunities for open/honest/unstructured discussion between School Board and City Council	
Promote roles and responsibilities of families	
 Coordinate various efforts for maximum impact; greater collaboration on joint services (purchasing, human resources, fleet, financial services, etc.) 	
Concern with decreasing school-age population	
Families	Council Evaluation
Define risk factors for unhealthy families	
Reduce risk factors that contribute to unhealthy families	
Focus on prevention vs. intervention	
Recreation facilities	
Public Safety	Council Evaluation
Staffing and retention – Fire and Police	
Community Environment	Council Evaluation
Consider entire block redevelopment (zoning ordinance)	
Encourage greater participation by the Commonwealth's Attorney	
Improve housing appearance through zoning and code enforcement	
Promote homesteading program	
Define the role of Keep Lynchburg Beautiful	
Enhance Timberlake Road with tree plantings	
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Downtown	Council Evaluation
Encourage greater private activity	
Celebrate accomplishments	
Publicize incentives	
Market downtown to lenders and real estate agents (Chamber packets)	
Promote small businesses locating downtown	
Economic Development	Council Evaluation
Market the City's telecommunications capabilities	
• Explore ways for the City to be the focus of future job growth in the region (health care, technology, service industry, etc.)	
Partner with Centra Health	
Continue discussions with Campbell County re: Airport Industrial Park	
Continue to focus on business retention	
Maintain and expand airline service	
Small business loan program	
Safe Neighborhoods	Council Evaluation
Code enforcement	
Recreation facilities	
Boards and Commissions	Council Evaluation
Provide annual reports to City Council using a standard format	
Create a Citizens Academy	
Encourage volunteerism on Boards and Commissions (review selection boundaries, resident/non-resident requirements	